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Remarks

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated September 27, 2006. Claims 1-48 are pending in this application. Claims 44-48 have been withdrawn from consideration. The Office Action rejected claims 1 and 43 under 35 USC § 102 over White (US 6171234) and rejected claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 12, 13, 16, 18 and 43 under 35 USC § 102 over Penner (US 5725519). The Office Action also allowed claims 25-42 and objected to claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 19 and 20-24 as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but otherwise allowable.

By this Amendment, the pending claims are amended to include limitations directed to subject matter that was indicated to be allowable in the Final Office Action. Claims 1, 3, 4, 12, 16 and 43 are amended and claims 2, 5, 15, 17 and 44-48 are cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute all cancelled subject matter in a subsequent patent application claiming priority to the immediate application. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Interview Acknowledgment

Applicants thank Examiner Cozart for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the November 6, 2006 telephonic interview.

Applicants agree with the Examiner's Substance of Interview included in the Interview Summary mailed November 8, 2006 with respect to the subject matter discussed. Applicants respectfully disagree with the conclusions reached by the Examiner with respect to the teachings of the White and Penner references. An agreement was not reached with respect to the current rejections.

Claim Rejections

Applicants traverse the rejections presented in the Office Action for at least the reasons asserted in the last-filed Amendment. However, for the purposes of furthering prosecution of the application, Applicants have amended the claims to include subject matter that was indicated to be allowable in the Final Office Action. Therefore, all rejections have been rendered moot, and withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

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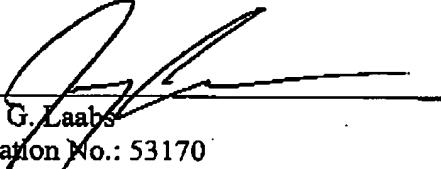
Based on at least the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 3, 4, 6-14, 16 and 18-43 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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